LAL PATEDAR) : (a) and (b) SSI units receive iron and steel supplies from the concerned State Small Scale Industries Corporations as well as from the producers against demand registrations. There is no system of allotment to them State-wise or calendar year-wise.

(c) Precise data are not available.

Increase in the prices of agricultural inputs and outputs

409. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE :Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the increase in the prices of agricultural inputs like irrigation fertilizers, pesticides, tractors etc. during the last five years; and

(b) the rise in prices of agricultural outputs during the same period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The prices of agricultural inputs like fertilizers, pesticides, tractors, etc. between 1984-85 and 1988-89 recorded on an average an annual increase from 2.7 to 7.3 per cent. The prices of diesel oils, an important input used for lifting water, increased from 2.1 to 3.7 per cent whereas the charges for electricity, another important input used for irrigation remained constant in most of the States during the same period.

(b) The yearly increase in the prices of major agricultural outputs during the last five years works out to about 9 per cent for cereals, about 14 per cent for pulses, about 10 per cent for foodgrains, about 6 per cent for oilseeds and about 8 per cent for all the agricultural outputs put together.

Review of assessment Results of agricultural Scientists

410. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of agricultural scientists in each grade who had applied for the review of their assessment results in accordance with the notification of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, dated the 25th July, 1985;

(b) the number of scientists in each grade who had been granted promotions to the next higher grade till date in the said review process on the recommendations of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board ;

(c) the number of these Scientists who got the benefit of promotions in the said review process from retrospective dates and who earlier denied promotions by the ASRB two, three and four times respectively on the basis of supplementary information; and

(d) the reasons for changing the earlier assessment results of a large number of scientists in the said review process by the ASRB ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) (a) The number of scientists in different grades of Agricultural